

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:)
Chatani, Massayuki) Atty. Docket No: SONYP009
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Application No: 09/846,115) Examiner: Bharat Barot
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Filed: April 30, 2001) Group Art Unit: 2155
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For: ALTERING NETWORK TRANSMITTED) Confirmation No: 5023
CONTENT DATA BASED UPON USER)
SPECIFIED CHARACTERISTICS) Date: December 31, 2008
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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF NON-COMPLIANT APPEAL BRIEF

Mail Stop: (*Submitted electronically*)
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This paper is filed on December 31, 2008 in response to the Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief (hereinafter, "the Notification") mailed on December 5, 2008. This paper is filed within **ONE MONTH** of the mailing date of the Notification.

The Notification indicated that the brief does not contain a statement of the status of all claims. Additionally, the Notification stated that an entire new brief is not required and the appellant may choose to only submit the defective section. Accordingly, the following replacement section includes a statement of the status of all claims and is intended to replace page 2 of the Appeal Brief filed on November 14, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,
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I. REAL PARTY IN INTEREST

The real party in interest is Sony Computer Entertainment America Inc., the assignee of the present application.

II. RELATED APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

The Applicants are not aware of any related appeals or interferences.

III. STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-19, 21-23, and 25-37 are pending in the subject application. Claim 20 and claim 24 have been canceled. Claims 1-19, 21-23, and 25-37 have been rejected and are on appeal.

IV. STATUS OF AMENDMENTS

Applicants submitted an amendment on February 21, 2008, in response to a non-Final Office Action mailed on November 21, 2007. This amendment was the last entered amendment.

V. SUMMARY OF CLAIMED SUBJECT MATTER

The subject invention is directed towards applying output characteristics to content data sent across a communications network.

As recited in independent claim 1, a method to modify content data (page 7, lines 14-21) transmitted from a first computer 605 to a second computer 607 over a bi-directional communications network 608. The method includes an operation that specifies content data output characteristics (page 11, lines 2-8) to be associated with the content data upon output by the second computer 607. The method also includes an operation that transmits the content data from the first computer 605 to the second computer 607 over the bi-directional communications network 608. Also included in the method is an operation that alters the content data (page 12, lines 10-12) that is to be output by the second